Handloom cluster manufacturing Banarasi Sarees

†*69.DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade of Banarasi sarees is important not only in the country but also in the international market and lakhs of weavers are earning livelihood by means of it in the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are total twenty handloom clusters set up at present in the country, out of which Banarasi sarees are manufactured in only one cluster; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total number of production units in this one cluster?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To promote Banarasi sarees, the Government of India is implementing various handloom schemes like the Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme, Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme etc. in the Varanasi cluster.

(c) and (d) Under the Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme, 20 handloom clusters have been taken for holistic development, out of which, Varanasi is one of the clusters. There are about 12,000 productive handlooms in this cluster covered under the Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme.

Joint Military Operations with USA

*70. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that experts and Army Chiefs of India and USA have suggested that both the countries should prepare for joint military operations;

(b) if so, whether both the countries have agreed to have joint military operations in future;

(c) whether India is at present having joint military operations with other countries also;

(d) if so, whether any final decision in this regard has been taken; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and to what extent it has been successful?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

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